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Hongkong, 24th March, 1900. [891]

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Hongkong, 26th March, 1900. [909]

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THE WAR IN SOUTH AFRICA.

NEWS VIA BANGGON AND ORELON.

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London, 10th March.
Major Murray (Barma), Cowell (North West), and Captain Cowie (Indian State Railways), Old Carthusians, are presenting a testimonial to Colonel Baden-Powell.

MOVEMENTS OF TRANSPORTS.

The *Chinwall*, *Nineveh*, *Tenallion Castle*, *Kildonan Castle*, and *Mahratta* have sailed for the Cape, with 4,700 men, mainly Militia. The *Avoca*, *Britannia* and *Nile* have arrived with 450 invalids and wounded. The *Malla*, *Arundel Castle*, *Cheshire*, *Nairning*, and *Dunegon Castle*, have arrived at Cape Town.

KRUGER AT THE ROOF OF POPLAR'S GROVE.

Calcutta, 12th March.
During the recent operations in the Free State, and the rout of the Boers near Poplar's Grove, President Kruger was present. He strove by every means in his power to rally and stop the flight of the Boers, but utterly failed. The Free State particularly being thoroughly demoralized and disheartened.

THE BOERS AND PEACE OVERTURES.

A telegram received, dated March 11th, says that reports continue to come in regarding the wish of the enemy to make peace. The *Central News* says definitely that the two Presidents have sent no less than five telegrams asking for our terms. The telegrams were discussed at the Cabinet Meeting on Wednesday.

It is believed that our reply was uncompromising.

London, 11th March.

The rumour that the Presidents of the South African Republics are suing for peace is gaining ground, and some papers make definite assertions on the point.

The *Daily Mail* states that at Pretoria the highest officials believe that the plain uncomplaining statement of the British intentions reveals that the basis of negotiations made the independence of the two Republics imperative.

London, 12th March.

The *Standard* states that Government will shortly affirm the impossibility of the Transvaal and Free State, as it was that condition which led to the war.

There now appears to be a deadlock in the negotiations, and the war will continue, unless Presidents Kruger and Steyn find that public opinion in both the Transvaal and the Free State is too strong to resist.

It is stated that the Boers, especially of the older generation, are anxious for peace at any price, and many are already returning to their farms.

EARLY SUBMISSION OF THE FREE STATE EXPECTED.

The *Times* correspondent, writing from Poplar Grove, says that the submission of the Free State is expected within a week.

JOUBERT'S ARMY PREPARING FOR A LAST STAND.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Cape Town wires that the Boers are sending enormous supplies to Spouken, on the extreme north of the frontier, to put General Joubert's army in readiness for a final stand.

BOERS' ALLEGED CAPTURE OF MAPEKING FORTS.

The Boers claim that they have captured all the forts defending Mafeking except one, and, regarding that, the capitulation of the garrison is hourly expected.

No news has yet been received of the force which left Kimberley to relieve Mafeking.

THE BOER PRESIDENTS IN CONFERENCE.

Presidents Kruger and Steyn conferred on Monday, and, on arriving at this conclusion, telegraphed their terms to Lord Salisbury; and it is stated they received a reply that the terms proposed were impossible.

GENERAL JOUBERT RESIGNS COMMAND OF THE BOER FORCES.

It is reported from Cape Town that General Joubert has resigned the chief command of the Boer Army, and has been succeeded by General Botha. No reason is assigned for the step, but it is believed that the Boers have quite lost confidence in the old leader's ability to successfully oppose the progress of Lord Roberts.

Another version is that General Joubert and President Kruger have quarrelled as to the proper conduct of the campaign.

BRITISH CASUALTIES.

The casualties at Poplar Grove on Thursday last were two men killed and thirty-eight wounded.

At Paardeberg, on the 17th February, there were 78 missing.

INDEPENDENCE IMPOSSIBLE.

The *Standard* states the Home Government will shortly affirm the impossibility to the perpetuation of the independence of the Transvaal and the Free State, as it was that condition which led to the war.

It is reported at Cape Town that General Joubert has resigned the command to Commandant Botha. General Joubert and President Kruger having quarrelled over the conduct of the war.

LORD ROBERTS WITNESSES WHITE FLAG TREASON.

Lord Roberts and several members of his staff witnessed on Saturday a gross abuse of the white flag and the treachery of the enemy. A large force of Boers was in imminent peril of being annihilated, when they hoisted the white flag. The British advanced to receive their surrender, whereupon another section fired repeated volleys into our men.

Lord Roberts has sent a strong protest to President Kruger and President Steyn against such dastardly conduct, threatening to disregard the white flag in future. He has also requested the British Government to communicate his protest to the neutral Powers.

AN INSTANCE OF BOER MOBILITY.—LORD ROBERTS STRATEGY DEFEATED.

The enemy's mobility and adroit and skilful moving of their guns were most remarkable on Saturday, and defeated the strategy of Lord Roberts. He attempted to turn their flank, but the movement began too late and our ammunition ran short. The consequence was that the enemy escaped complete annihilation.

THE POWERS AND MODIFICATION.

London, 13th March.
It seems clear that the Boers have addressed appeals for help not only to Germany, but to the whole Continent and America.

STRONG FEELING AROUSED IN ENGLAND.

The news has excited a strong feeling in England, though no foreign country has yet shown any inclination to help the enemy.

The *Times*, in the course of a strong leader on the subject, says: "We are glad that America and the Continent understand that offers of mediation would be distinctly repugnant to, and wholly inadmissible by, the nation. We mean to settle this business in our own way."

CANADA AND THE WAR.

London, 14th March.
Perhaps the most important debate that has ever taken place in the Canadian House of Commons was that on the participation of the Dominion in the war in South Africa. The enthusiasm was immense.

ELOQUENT SPEECH BY THE CANADIAN PREMIER.

The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Premier, was cheered to the echo when he rose to defend the action of the Government in sending Canadian troops to assist the Mother Country in repelling the Boer invasion. In a speech of passionate eloquence, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the gallant deeds of the Canadians at Paardeberg, when they charged the larger in which General Cronje was entrenched, and compelled the surrender of his army, revealed to the world that a new power had been born in the West which would make itself felt in the future history of the world and the Dominion.

The House of Commons, in a memorable burst of enthusiasm, voted confidence in the Government, and approved the participation of Canada in the war. There were only ten dissenting members.

THE SEIZURE OF GERMAN VESSELS.—PUBLICATION OF DEBATES.

The papers which have been published regarding the seizure of German vessels by British men-of-war, on suspicion of importing contraband of war to Delagoa Bay, show that Lord Salisbury, in reply to Count Von Buslow, expressed surprise at the abrupt manner and unfounded imputations contained in the protests.

FEELING AROUSED IN ENGLAND.

The publication of these State documents has excited considerable feeling in the country, and the *Times* states that the correspondence throws light on the brutality of the German Press, and the insults to which English visitors have recently been subjected at Bremen.

GERMANY'S REPORTED REASON FOR NON-INTERVENTION.

The German Government denies the statement it declined to intervene between Great Britain and the South African Republics because it was in no wise concerned in the conflict. The reason for its rejection of the appeal of Presidents Kruger and Steyn is, not, however, given.

THE BOER PRESIDENTS' APPEAL.

London, 14th March.
The appeal of the Boer Presidents is an unambiguous and insolent document. It reaffirms the incontestable independence of both Republics as Sovereign States. It demands an amnesty for all participants in the war. Otherwise, it proceeds, "we will persevere, confident in God, who lighted the inextinguishable love of freedom in our hearts. He will accomplish His work in us. We hesitated so long as the advantage was on our side, fearing to hurt the feeling of the British, but now that British prestige is assured by the capture of our forces, we are obliged to inform the world of the conditions whereon we are ready to restore peace."

THE PREMIER'S REPLY.

Lord Salisbury, in reply, ignores the allusion to amnesty. He insists that the war preparations in the Transvaal during the peaceful negotiations concerning the serious grievances of British residents were so enormous that the only possible intention must have been to use them against Britain. Suddenly, after an insulting ultimatum, the Republic declared war, and it was joined by the Orange Free State, whereof there had never been any discussion. Our penalty for acquiescing in the existence of the Republics has been the invasion of two British Colonies, great destruction of life and property, and a costly war entailing the loss of thousands of lives resulting therefrom. The British Government are not prepared to assent to the independence of either Republic.

This reply was read in Parliament amid unbounded applause, but the conclusion is generally regarded as short of the mark.

GENERAL WHITE GOING TO EAST LONDON.—HIS APPEARANCE.

General White is apparently going to East London, joining the Fifth Division. His reception at Maritzburg, though informal, was enthusiastic. He is described as lame and feeble. He probably is unaware how home opinion has entirely turned in his favour.

LORD KITCHENER'S MOVEMENTS.

Lord Kitchener's arrival at Victoria West is impressing the rebels, despite disagreeable incidents.

BLOENFONTEIN—PRETORIA ROUTE MOST FAIR.

An officer recently returned describes the Bloemfontein route to Pretoria as indefensible, the railway being straight and devoid of all fortifications and embankments.

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